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1. FONMIN DEPDIRECTOR INT'L RELATIONS JAN 6 TOLD EMBOFF
TECHNICAL-LEVEL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN SANTIAGO EARLY
FEBRUARY WITH BOLIVIANS, FOLLOWING UP EARLIER MEETINGS
ON IMPROVING TRANSIT TRADE TO BOLIVIA (REF AIRGRAM). HE
EXPECTED AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED ON IMPROVING OIL PIPE-
LINE FROM ARICA TO BORDER AND SAID GOC ALSO IS CONSIDERING
"GIVING" BOLIVIA RAILWAY FROM ARICA EASE -- BOLIVIA OF COURSE
TO MAINTAIN IT.

2. WHEN EMBOFF NOTED THAT BOLIVIANS SEEM TO EXPECT MORE
THAN THAT FROM FEBRUARY MEETING, OFFICER SAID GOB'S
IMAGINATION HAD BEEN EXICTED BY AYACUCHO DECLARATION'S
REFERENCE TO ACCESS TO THE SEA. GOC HOPES AND EXPECTS DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WILL BE RENEWED, ALTHOUGH INITIATIVE WILL HAVE TO
COME FROM BOLIVIA, WHICH BROKE RELATIONS. GOC, HOWEVER, IS NOT
PREPARED TO GIVE UP ANY TERRITORY.

3. COMMENT: SANTIAGO PAPERS RECENTLY PICKED UP REPORT FROM
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LA PAZ ASSERTING THAT DURING ALLENDE PERIOD GOC WAS PREPARED

TO GIVE BOLIVIA CORRIDOR TO SEA IN EXCHANGE FOR TORRES'
DECLARATION OF BOLIVIA AS "SOCIALIST REPUBLIC." PRESS REPORTS
"INFORMED SOURCES" COMMENTS TO EFFECT THAT GOC FONMINISTRY
FOUND NO TRACE OF IDEA IN ITS FILES AND ASSUMES THAT IF IT
EXISTED, IT WAS HANDLED BY SENIOR GOC LEADER NO LONGER IN
OFFICE.

4. THERE IS THUS NO CHANGE IN GOC'S WILLINGNESS TO IMPROVE
BOLIVIA'S ACCESS TO SEA BY TECHNICAL MEASURES AND IN ITS LACK
OF INTEREST IN KIND OF CONCESSIONS BOLIVIA APPARENTLY HAS IN
MIND.
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